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Application No.: 10/531,507
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Applicant: Eiji Oki, et al.
Group Art Unit: 2613
Examiner: Quan-Zhen Wang
Title: Optical Node Device, Network Control Device,
Maintenance-Staff Device, Optical Network, and 3R Relay
Implementation Node Decision Method
Attorney Docket: 5259-000051/NP

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2008, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group 1, readable on claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14-17, 24, and 35-40, drawn to an optical node device that can implement 3R relay, for prosecution in this application. Applicant makes this election without prejudice and reserves the right to prosecute the remaining claims at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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